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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

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1. PLEASE PASS TO JIM TREICHEL: IN VIEW OF SOVIETS' COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN "ANNUAL REVIEW" LEVIED BY OUR NOVEMBER 1976 NOTE RE MARITIME AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT HAS AUTHORIZED VISA FOR OLEG I. MESHKOV, "SOVINFLLOT" REPRESENTATIVE IN AMTORG (MOSCOW 16333). WE ARE STILL WITHHOLDING VISA AUTHORIZATION OF ALEKSEY V. VASIL'YEV (MOSCOW 17336), WHO IS SLATED TO REPLACE Y:VGENIY SCHERBAKOV AT SOVFRACHT, PENDING REVIEW OF SOVFRACHT QUESTION AT THE END OF JANUARY.

2. RE SOVIET LIFE REQUEST, WE WERE NOT AWARE OF ANY BIRTHDAY MESSAGE FROM CARTER TO BREZHNEV. SO WE HAD THIS CHECKED OUT WITH TRANSITION STAFF AND LATER WITH CARTER'S PERSONAL SERCRETARY. AS FAR AS WE CAN DETER-
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MINE, THERE WAS NO SUCH MESSAGE.

3. RE ENVELOPE TOTIMOFEYEV FROM RAND, CONTENTS ARE COPY OF COMMISSION REPORT AND PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO COMMISSION, ALONG WITH COVERING LETTER. RAND SAYS HE HAD LUNCH WITH TIMOFEYEV WHEN HE WAS HERE AND PROMISED TO TRANSMIT THESE REPORTS. YOU MAY OPEN ENVELOPE IF

YOU WISH, AND THEN SEND THROUGH REGULAR MAILS.

4. TOBY GATI INFORMS US SHE HAS SENT YOU A CHECK FOR \$300 TOWARD THE COST OF DINNER YOU GAVE FOR THE UNA.

5. MCCLELLAN CALLED JAN 3 TO REPORT THAT HE RECEIVED A CABLE FROM HIS WIFE SAYING THAT OBIDIN OF ALL-UNION OVIR TOLD HER SHE WAS REFUSED THRU 1977, AND SHOULD NOT COME BACK TO OVIR TO APPLY AGAIN UNTIL 1978. (THIS WOULD HAVE NO BASIS IN LAW SINCE REFUSENIKS CAN REAPPLY EVERY 6 MONTHS.) MCCLELLAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR REPLY TO HIS LETTER TO AMB. TOON.

6. MED IS SENDING LAB ASSISTANT PEARL L. LIPTAK TO FILL IN FOR GRIFFIN WHILE HE IS ON LEAVE. SHE PLANS TO BE THERE JAN 21 - MARCH 7.

7. WE PASSED ALONG TO MRS. BRAWER AND BURN'S FAMILY THE MESSAGES IN MOSCOW 20261, AND WE LEFT A MESSAGE FOR MRS. DENSA TO PHONE THE DEPARTMENT. MRS. BRAWER SAID SHE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY LETTERS FROM HER HUSBAND, AND YOU MIGHT WANT TO RAISE THE MAIL QUESTION WITH MFA.

8. I AM SURE YOU HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE CONTROVERSY IN THE PRESS ABOUT SOVIET STRATEGIC INTENTIONS. WE ARE TRYING TO GET OUT TO YOU ALL THE RELATIVE PAPERS WE CAN LAY OUR HANDS ON.

9. TOLYA IS EXPANDING HIS CIRCLE OF CONTACTS THIS WEEK. I WILL PASS ON GLEANINGS FROM THIS PROCESS AS CONFIDENTIAL

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